

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system for a vehicle, comprising: having

a housing ~~in which, if appropriate, that includes:~~

at least one heat exchanger ~~such as a heating element and/or vaporizer is accommodated, for the purpose of conditioning~~ configured to condition ~~[[the]]~~ air in the vehicle~~[[,]]; and having~~

a blower with at least one air duct ~~for feeding preferably~~ configured to feed ~~the~~ conditioned air,

wherein the at least one air duct includes ~~[[to]]~~ at least one ~~[[an]]~~ air outflow vent that is configured to receive the conditioned air and to distribute an air stream through an outlet opening, and having at least one air outflow vent from which air streams out preferably into a passenger compartment of ~~[[a]]~~ the vehicle,

wherein ~~[[the]]~~ an outflow characteristic of the at least one air outflow vent is configured to be adjusted ~~being adjustable in a controllable fashion~~ between a first characteristic ~~with~~ having a scatter character and a second characteristic ~~with~~ having a spot character, and

wherein the at least one air outflow vent includes:

a metering device configured to meter the air stream between the first characteristic and the second characteristic; and

a pivotable shutter joined to the metering device and configured to set a pivot area of the air outflow vent such that a direction of the air stream is set in an area of the outlet opening.

2. – 26. (Cancelled).

27. (New) The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 1, wherein a settable swirl of the air stream is configured to change the outflow characteristic.

28. (New) The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 27, wherein the settable swirl is a maximum value for the scatter character and a minimum value for the spot character.

29. (New) The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 1, wherein the outflow characteristic is open-loop controlled or closed-loop controlled as a function of at least one parameter and/or at least one operating state.

30. (New) The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 1, wherein the outflow characteristic is open-loop controlled or closed-loop controlled as a function of at least one parameter as a deviation from a setpoint value or as a difference from the setpoint value.

31. (New) The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 1, wherein the outflow characteristic is open-loop controlled or closed-loop controlled as a function of a parameter field or characteristic diagram of a plurality of parameters.

32. (New) The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 29, wherein the at least one parameter P is a variable of a passenger compartment temperature, solar radiation, an external temperature, a speed of the vehicle, or a time parameter.

33. (New) The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 1, wherein the outflow characteristic is set to the spot character when there is a first deviation of an actual value from a first setpoint value, is set to a scatter character when there is a second deviation of an actual value from a second setpoint value, and is set to an intermediate position between the spot character and scatter character for actual values between the first setpoint value and the second setpoint value.

34. **(New)** The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 1, wherein a maximum amount of air flows out of the at least one airflow vent when the outflow characteristic is the second characteristic with the spot character.
35. **(New)** The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 1, wherein a minimum amount of air flows out of the at least one airflow vent when the outflow characteristic is the first characteristic with the scatter character.
36. **(New)** The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 1, wherein the at least one air outflow vent is a footwell air outflow vent, a ventilation air outflow vent, a defrosting air outflow vent, or a side air outflow vent.
37. **(New)** The heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system of claim 1, wherein the at least one air outflow vent is in the trim areas or pillar areas of the passenger compartment.
38. **(New)** A method for controlling a heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system according to claim 1, comprising:
- sensing at least one actual value;
  - comparing the at least one actual value with at least one setpoint value;
  - actuating an actuator element of the at least one air outflow vent; and
  - setting the outflow characteristic of the at least one air outflow vent.
39. **(New)** The method of claim 38, wherein the outflow characteristic is open-loop controlled or closed-loop controlled as a function of at least one parameter P.
40. **(New)** The method of claim 39, further comprising:
- keeping the outflow characteristic constant at the second characteristic as a function of the at least one parameter P starting from an initial value P0 until a parameter value P1 is reached; then
  - automatically changing the outflow characteristic continuously or in discrete increments until the first characteristic at a parameter value P2 is reached.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:  
automatically changing the outflow characteristic continuously or in discrete increments, after the parameter value P2 is reached, to a third outflow setting until the parameter value P3 is reached.
42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the parameter values P1, P2 and/or P3 are defined as a function of a characteristic diagram.
43. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the parameter value P3 is a predetermined value and wherein the method further comprises keeping the outflow characteristic constant when the parameter value P3 is reached.
44. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the at least one parameter P is a temperature parameter and/or a time parameter.
45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the temperature parameter is a passenger compartment air temperature, an external air temperature, and/or an air outlet temperature.
46. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the outflow characteristic is open-loop controlled or closed-loop controlled as a function of a deviation of the at least one actual value from the at least one setpoint value.
47. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising changing the outflow characteristic of the at least one air outflow vent according to a chronologically predetermined profile.
48. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the outflow characteristic is the second characteristic having the spot character or a directed outflow.

49. **(New)** The method of claim 38, wherein outflow characteristic is the first characteristic having the scatter character or a diffuse outflow.

50. **(New)** The method of claim 38, wherein a time T0 for starting a sequence of the method is defined by switching on the heating, ventilating or air-conditioning system or by activating the vehicle.

51. **(New)** The method of claim 49, wherein there is sufficient heating power available to permit targeted, punctual heating at the time T0.